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Docket No: 4982.35 (Please kindly include in the response)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**STATUS REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.14**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.14 (a)(1)(ii), the undersigned submits the following request pursuant to procedures identified in M.P.E.P. § 102.

The following applications are identified by filing date and serial number in a published patent document.

<u>Application</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Listed on face of Pub. U.S. Patent App.</u>
S/N 10/090,710	Mar. 4, 2002	US 2002/0183525 A1
S/N 60/273,172	Mar. 2, 2001	US 2002/0183525 A1
S/N 60/294,847	May 31, 2001	US 2002/0183525 A1

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 102, a copy of the first page of the above referenced U.S. published application is included with this request. For each identified application, please indicate whether one or more applications claim the benefit of the filing date of the identified application, and if there is such other applications(s), provide the application numbers(s),

filings date(s) and whether the other application(s) is (are) pending, abandoned or patented.

With respect to any application(s) yielded by the fulfillment of the search request, please also indicate the serial number, filing date, and status of any application claiming benefit of the filing date of any the application(s) yielded by the search.

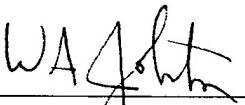
The requested status information may be sent via facsimile to the undersigned at (216) 241-8151. We look forward to receiving the requested information as soon as possible. If any questions exist concerning this request, please contact the undersigned directly at (216) 241-6708 ext. 146.

Please kindly provide the name of the PTO employee who fulfills this request in the event a follow-up communication is required..

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/28/03

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